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Applicants

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2006, having a three-month shortened period of response set to expire by June 24, 2006. Applicant has submitted herewith a petition for a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action, thereby extending the deadline to September 25, 2006 as September 24, 2006 falls on a Sunday.

Amendments of the Specification are reflected in pages 2- 4 of this Reply.

Amendments of the Abstract are reflected in page 5 of this Reply.

Amendments of the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on pages 5-12 of this Reply.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this Reply.